MINUTES GRANBY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Special Meeting Wednesday, September 5, 2012 7:00 P.M.

Present: Marty Schwager, Chairman, Edward Guarco, Matt Garrett and Rob Rome. Fran Armentano, Director of Community Development was also in attendance.

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

The Commission discussed the minutes of the June 11, 2012 meeting. **ON A MOTION** by Rob Rome, seconded by Matt Garrett, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of June 11, 2012. All approved.

The Commission discussed the state of the economy along with residential and commercial activity. They were updated on the activities of the past 2 months

The members discussed a special permit seeking a request to use property located at 298 Salmon Brook Street for a cemetery. They agreed that during the preparation of the Granby Center zone, they did not anticipate or expect that more land within the Granby Center area would be considered for additional cemetery space and noted that a substantial portion of the center is already occupied with this use. **ON A MOTION** by Marty Schwager, seconded by Matt Garrett, the Commission voted to inform the Planning and Zoning Commission that the proposed cemetery use at 298 Salmon Brook Street is contrary to the Granby Center Zone, Statement of Intent and its use as such will hinder the future sound development of the surrounding area.

The members discussed a request for a zone change from ED to PDM, for property located at the end of Mill Pond Drive. The members determined that this area of the ED zone is largely separated from other areas of the ED zone, and that the site can be developed as proposed without having any negative impact on future uses proposed within the ED zone. The members recognize that there is a need within the Town of Granby for multifamily rental units and that the construction of these units will have a positive impact on the Town. Not only will the units have a substantial positive impact on the Town's tax base, but the occupants will support our local businesses and may well become future buyers of single family homes and condominiums here in Town. Further, the members agreed with the conceptual design of the development and noted that the site will be serviced by public water, public sewer and gas service.

ON A MOTION by Edward Guarco, seconded by Rob Rome, the Commission voted to inform the Planning and Zoning Commission of their support for this zone change.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Armentano Acting Recording Secretary